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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--LONG-ANTICIPATED ESTABLISHMENT OF THAI-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TAKEN CALMLY IN TAIPEI AS WAS CASE WITH SIMILAR BREAKING OF FORMAL TAIPEI-MANILA TIES RECENTLY. MEDIA REPORTING ON THAI PRIME MINISTER PRAMOJ'S PEKING JOURNEY AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNING WITH CHOU EN-LAI WAS GENERALLY STRAIGHT. MOFA STATEMENT TERMED IT "MOST UNFRIENDLY ACT BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT" BUT STRESSED THAIS IN TAIWAN WOULD CONTINUE RECEIVE LEGAL PROTECTION AND FAIR TREATMENT AND REQUESTED SAME FOR ROC CITIZENS IN THAILAND. EDITORIALY, LARGEST-CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000) SAID THAIS HAD INVITED A ROBBER INTO THEIR COUNTRY; INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000) TERMED IT FALL OF THIRD DOMINO IN SEA AFTER MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES;

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KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (270,000) SAID THAIS HAD

VOLUNTARILY JUMPED ABOARD PIRATE SHIP AND KMT-OWNED CHINA DAILY NEWS (110,000) COMPARED IT TO FLIRTING WITH DEATH.

--CONGRESSMAN MATSUNAGA WAS IN TAIPEI DURING THE WEEK. IN INTERVIEWS WITH AP, UPI AND AT SEMINAR DISCUSSION WITH ACADEMICIANS HE REPORTEDLY SAID PRESIDENT FORD'S PEKING VISIT WOULD PROBABLY NOT LEAD TO FORMAL U.S.-PRC TIES THIS YEAR, U.S. WOULD STAND BY ITS DEFENSE COMMITMENTS TO ROC AND ROK AND U.S. SHOULD STAY IN ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION; BUT HE DISCOUNTED NEWS REPORTS U.S. WAS BUILDING NEW DEFENSE LINE IN ASIA TO INCLUDE ROK, JAPAN AND ROC.

--CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA) REPORTED JUNE 30 MEETING RESTORING CHINA CHAPTER OF INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE (IPI). CHARGED WITH ORGANIZING NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS WERE: UNITED DAILY NEWS PUBLISHER WANG TIH-WU, CNA'S DIRECTOR JIMMY WEI, CHINA NEWS PUBLISHER TING WEI-TUNG, BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF CHINA (BCC) DIRECTOR LI SHIH-FEN, AND CHINA TELEVISION (CTV) DIRECTOR PENNY TUNG. IPI EXPELLED ROC CHAPTER IN OCTOBER 1971 AFTER MANILA CHINESE COMMERCIAL NEWS PUBLISHERS QUINTIN AND RIZAL YUYITUNG ARRESTED THERE FOR ALLEGEDLY "SPREADING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA" AND FLOWN TAIPEI. QUINTIN RELEASED AUGUST 16, 1972 AND RIZAL AUGUST 16, 1973 AFTER "REFORMATORY EDUCATION." BOTH NOW IN U.S.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- UNITED DAILY NEWS JULY 1 CARRIED REPORT FROM NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT JACOB MA ON GRUMMAN AEROSPACE CORPORATION VISIT LONG ISLAND. CENTRAL DAILY NEWS JULY 1 CARRIED REPORT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BRICE WANG ON NATCHEZ VISIT, SIXTH IN SERIES ON TOUR OF AMERICAN SOUTH. BOTH TRIPS ARRANGED BY NEW YORK FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CENTER. --SPECIAL INVITATIONAL SHOWING IMV'S "ART OF ANDREW WYETH" FILM AND "THE WYETH PHENOMENON" VTR IN POST'S MULTIMEDIA ROOM FOR PROMINENT ARTISTS AND CRITICS INSPIRED ARTICLE BY WELL-KNOWN TAIWAN ART CRITIC HO CHENG-KWANG IN CHINA TIMES. BESIDES PRAISING WYETH AS GREAT AMERICAN PAINTER, HO CREDITED USIS WITH ARRANGING SPECIAL SHOWING TO INTRODUCE WYETH'S UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK TO TAIWAN ARTISTS.

--SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON USE U.S. BICENTENNIAL SYMBOL ATTRACTED ATTENTION CHINA EXPORT TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL THIS WEEK. LOCAL FIRMS PRODUCING SOUVENIR ITEMS FOR EXPORT TO U.S. USING LOGO WITHOUT PERMISSION. CETDC PLANS USE TEXT OFFICIAL RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED BY USIS LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE IN ITS MONTHLY BULLETIN WARNING LOCAL MANUFACTURERS OF DANGERS UNAUTHORIZED USE. POST STILL

AWAITING IPS STORY THIS SUBJECT.

--ROC TOURISM BUREAU HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS SPEND US\$1,000,000
PLUS OVER NEXT THREE YEARS UPGRADE TAINAN AS HISTORICAL
TOURISTIC SITE. UNDERSTAND BUREAU HAS RECEIVED INITIALLY
SERVICE PROVIDE AUDIOVISUAL TECHNIQUES EXPERT ASSIST
PROGRAM PLANNING AND MATTER NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY
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